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MAGNO DAVEY

FOOTBALL PRACTICE WAS INTENDED TO WELD DAVEY AND HIS HIGHSCHOOL TEAM-MATES INTO A POWERFUL GRIDIRON MACHINE FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN. BUT DAVEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SPRING PRACTICE...FOR HIM...MEANT BECOMING INVOLVED WITH AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT KIND OF MACHINE...A ONE ARMED BANDIT WHICH PAID OFF ONLY IN CRIME....!

HMM! BET ANYTHING THEY'RE GOING TO TRY THAT STATUE OF LIBERTY PLAY WHERE THE HALFBACK FAKES A PASS AND LETS ANOTHER BACK TAKE IT FROM HIS HAND THEY HAVEN'T USED IT ALL DAY!

HEY, FELLOWS! WATCH THAT STATUE OF LIBERTY! SIGNALS: 24-18-54-32-41!

THE NEXT INSTANT THE BALL GOES INTO THE "B" TEAM BACKFIELD AND.....
I'M GOING TO PLOW UNDER THEIR INTERFERENCE AND THAT PLAY WON'T GO ANY-WHERE!

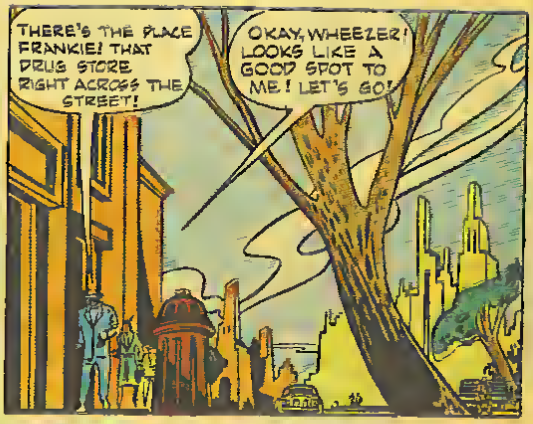
THAN... A POWERFUL BLOCK -AND DAVEY ELIMINATES FOUR "B" TEAM PLAY-LEADERS.

BUT THE NEXT MINUTE, AS THE PLAYERS UNSCRAMBLE THEMSELVES...
GOOD GOING, DAVEY! HEY DAVEY! WHAT'S WRONG? HE'S STILL LAYING THERE!

HOW DO YOU FEEL, KID? BETTER GO INTO THE LOCKER ROOM AND REST!
YAH! SURE THING. BUT I'M ALL RIGHT. NOTHING WRONG!

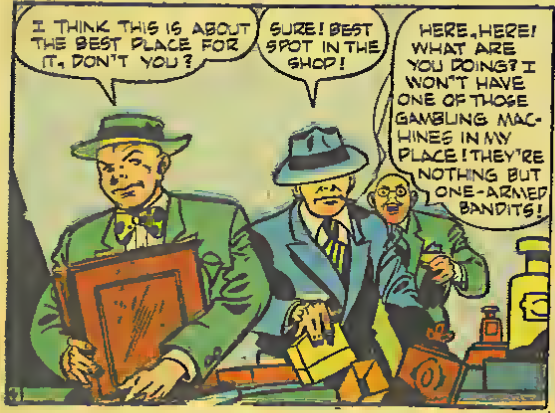
TEN MINUTES LATER...
GOSH I FEEL STRANGE! WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? I'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE AND TAKE A WALK SOME-WHERE!
AND, SO A VICTIM OF A AMNESIA, DAVEY WANDERS OFF....TO WHAT FATE??
I...I WISH I COULD REMEMBER MY NAME! WISH I KNEW WHERE I'M GOING!
BACK AT THE HIGH-SCHOOL, THE PRACTICE SESSION HAS ENDED....
WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD COACH? THOUGHT I'D DROP AROUND AND STROLL HOME WITH DAVEY! WHERE IS THE KID?
YOU MEAN HE DIDN'T GO HOME? WHY, HE DRESSED AND LEFT HERE A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO!
A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO? WHY? HOW COME HE LEFT THE PRACTICE FIELD?
WELL, ON THE LAST PLAY HE GOT KNOCKED OUT FOR A MINUTE AND SINCE HE LOOKED A LITTLE WOOZY, I SENT HIM TO THE SHOWERS!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE KID! IF HE WAS A "LITTLE WOOZY"... HM! COULD BE A SLIGHT CASE OF AMNISIA! I'VE GOT TO GO LOOKING FOR HIM!
STADIUM
AND SO THE MAGNETIC MAN BE-GINS A FRANTIC SEARCH FOR HIS MISSING PARTNER!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY REMOTELY REMOVED FROM DAVEY'S HOME....
STILL DON'T KNOW WHO I AM! OR WHERE I AM! I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? GOT TO THINK SOME MORE! HAVE TO REMEMBER!


THERE'S THE PLACE FRANKIE! THAT DRUG STORE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET!
OKAY, WHEEZER! LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT TO ME! LET'S GO!

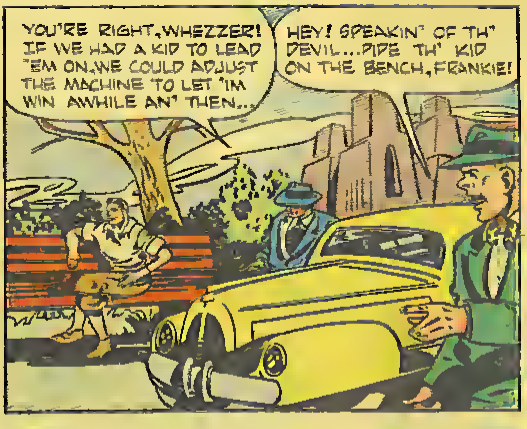
THINK THE OLD GUY'LL TRY TO PUT UP A KICK?
WHO KNOWS? BUT ANYHOW, WHAT'S THE DIF? IF HE DON'T WANT TO PLAY NICE, WE'LL LET HIM PLAY ROUGH, EITHER WAY WE WIN!

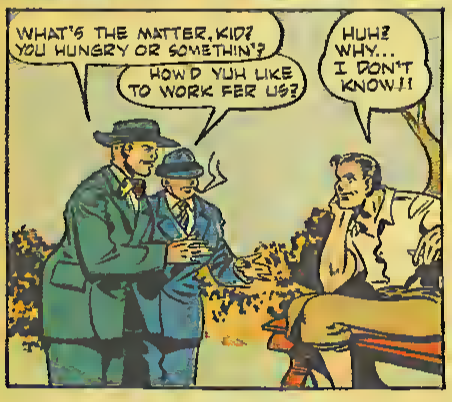
Y'SEE, FRANKIE. THE HIGHSCHOOL 'IS JUST AROUND THE BLOCK LOTS OF THE KIDS HOP INTO THIS LITTLE JOINT FOR CANDY AND STUFF!
YEAH, THAT'S THE KIND OF SPOTS WE WANT! THIS LITTLE MACHINE HERE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST...INCLUDIN' ALL TH' NICKELS THEY WANTA DONATE!

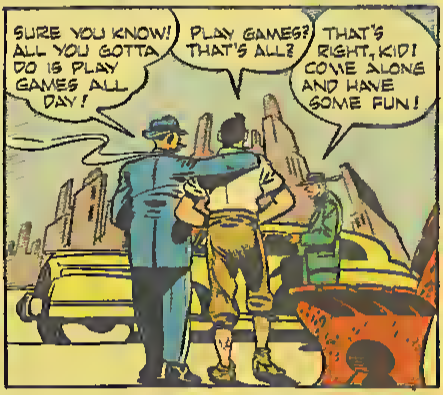

I THINK THIS IS ABOUT THE BEST PLACE FOR IT, DON'T YOU?
SURE! BEST SPOT IN THE SHOP!
HERE, HERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I WON'T HAVE ONE OF THOSE GAMBLING MACHINES IN MY PLACE! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT ONE-ARMED BANDITS!

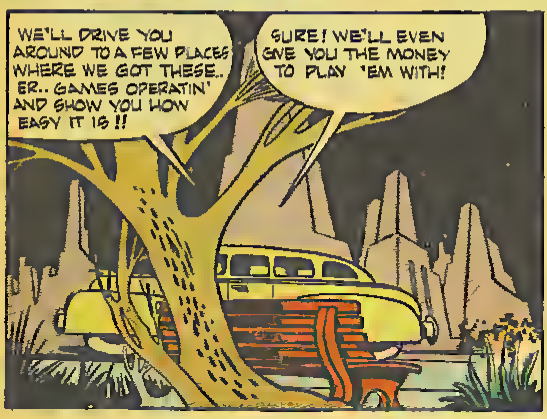
DON'T GIVE US NO BACK TALK, POP! WE SAY YOU WANT IT HERE, SEE!
AN' IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, THIS WILL SETTLE ANY OBJECTIONS YOU'VE GOT!

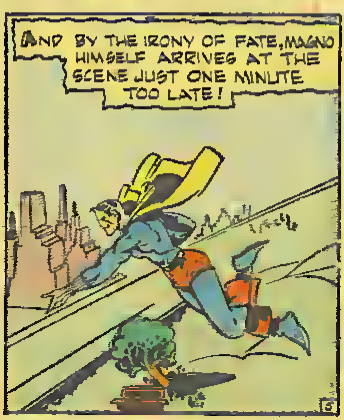
WELL, THAT WAS EASY ENOUGH! NOW WE JUST WATCH TH' NICKELS ROLL IN!
TROUBLE IS, THEY AIN'T ROLLIN' FAST ENOUGH! WE NEED A "COME-ON" GUY! YOU KNOW, MAKE THE SUCKERS THINK THEY CAN WIN!


YOU'RE RIGHT, WHEZZER! IF WE HAD A KID TO LEAD 'EM ON, WE COULD ADJUST THE MACHINE TO LET 'IM WIN AWHILE AN' THEN...
HEY! SPEAKIN' OF TH' DEVIL...PIPE TH' KID ON THE BENCH, FRANKIE!


WHAT'S THE MATTER, KID? YOU HUNGRY OR SOMETHIN'?
HOW'D YUH LIKE TO WORK FER US?
HUH? WHY... I DON'T KNOW!!


SURE YOU KNOW! ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS PLAY GAMES ALL DAY!
PLAY GAMES? THAT'S ALL?
THAT'S RIGHT, KID! COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!


WE'LL DRIVE YOU AROUND TO A FEW PLACES WHERE WE GOT THESE.. ER.. GAMES OPERATIN' AND SHOW YOU HOW EASY IT IS!!
SURE! WE'LL EVEN GIVE YOU THE MONEY TO PLAY 'EM WITH!


AND BY THE IRONY OF FATE, MAGNO HIMSELF ARRIVES AT THE SCENE JUST ONE MINUTE TOO LATE!

LATER
PSST! HEY, KID! GO ON OVER AN' START PLAYIN' TH' MACHINE! FRANKIE GOT IT ADJUSTED SO IT'LL PAY OFF!
ALL RIGHT! I GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL!

HEY, LOOKIT! WHO'S THAT GUY? HE MUST BE NUTS TO PLAY THAT THING!
YEAH! THOSE THINGS NEVER PAY OFF! THEY'RE CROOKED!

THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD, FRANKIE!
YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL! I FIXED THAT BABY SO'S IT'LL BELCH OUT A WAD O' NICKELS IN A COUPLE OF PLAYS!

A SECOND LATER...
WOW! LOOKIT THAT!
HA! HIT THE JACK POT!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
HOLY COW! HE HIT IT AGAIN!
YEAH! IT DOESN'T LOOK CROOKED TO ME!

BOY! I'M COMING BACK HERE WITH A LOAD OF NICKELS
I'M GOIN' TO GET A PILE OF DOUGH!
IT CAN'T BE CROOKED IF THAT KID JUST WON!

OKAY, KID! LET'S GO! WE'RE GONNA INSTALL ANOTHER MACHINE!
I-I-I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO! THIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT!
WHAT! SAY, LISTEN TO ME, YOU LITTLE PUNK YOU'RE GOIN', SEE!

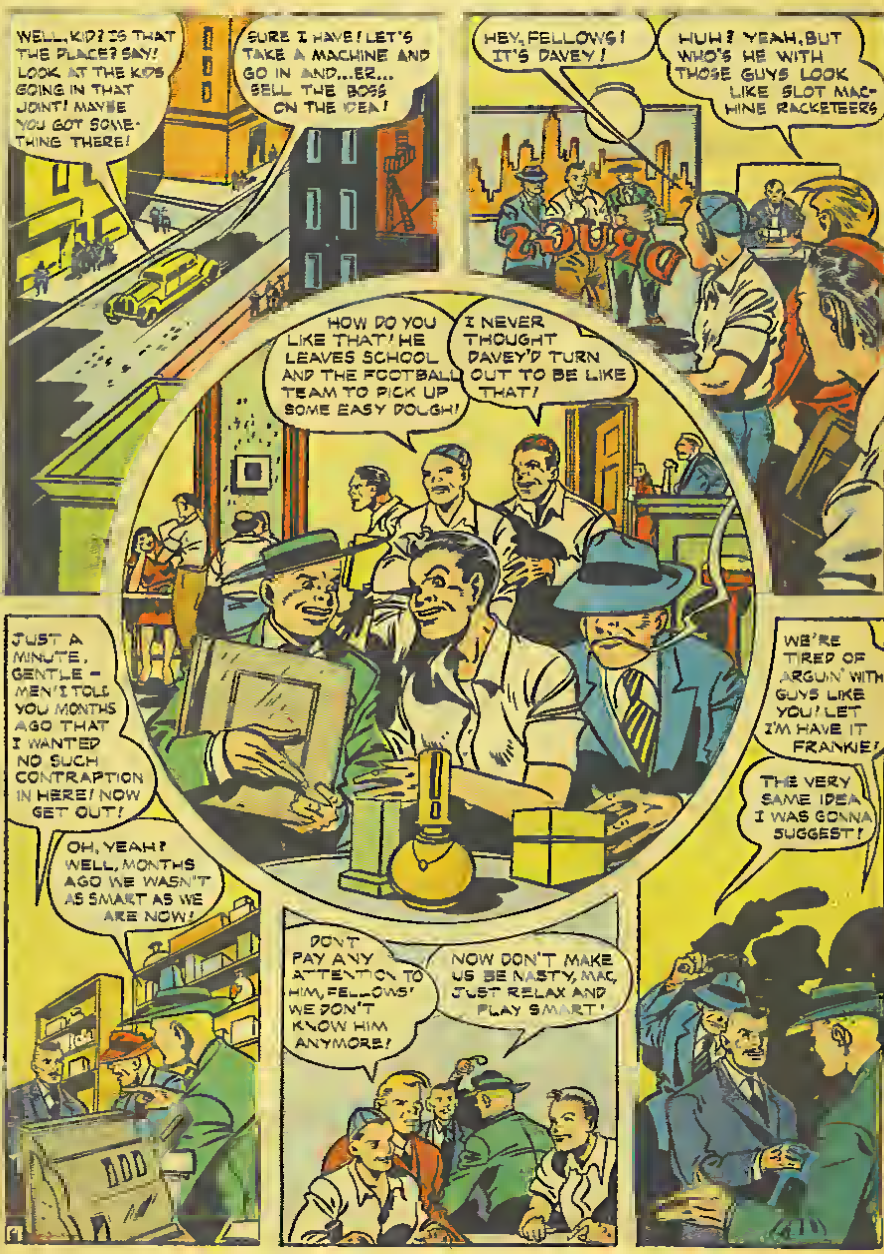
THIS'LL LEARN YOU TO BEHAVE YOURSELF AFTER THIS!
ONCE IS ENOUGH, FRANKIE! WE STILL GOT USE FOR HIM!

C'MON, GET UP! WE GOT WORK TO DO!
HUH? IS THAT FELLOW TALKING TO ME? WHERE AM I? THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS PLAYING FOOTBALL!

GET MOVIN'! C'MON!
I MUST'VE BEEN KNOCKED OUT OR SOMETHING! BUT WHATEVER IT WAS, I'M MIXED UP NOW!

WELL, KID? HOW'S ABOUT IT? GONNA BE A GOOD BOY AGAIN AND DO LIKE WE SAY?
WHY- WHY SURE! WHY NOT! WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

I TOLD YOU ONCE, KID! WE'RE GONNA INSTALL ANOTHER SLOT MACHINE IN A STORE NEAR SOME HIGH SCHOOL!
SAY! I HAVE A GOOD IDEA IN THAT CASE, I KNOW A SWELL PLACE FOR ONE! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET THE


WELL, KID? IS THAT THE PLACE? SAY! LOOK AT THE KIDS GOING IN THAT JOINT! MAYBE YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE!
SURE I HAVE! LET'S TAKE A MACHINE AND GO IN AND...ER... SELL THE BOSS ON THE IDEA!
HEY, FELLOWS! IT'S DAVEY!
HUH? YEAH, BUT WHO'S HE WITH THOSE GUYS LOOK LIKE SLOT MACHINE RACKETEERS
DRUG
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT! HE LEAVES SCHOOL AND THE FOOTBALL TEAM TO PICK UP SOME EASY DOUGH!
I NEVER THOUGHT DAVEY'D TURN OUT TO BE LIKE THAT!
JUST A MINUTE, GENTLEMEN! I TOLD YOU MONTHS AGO THAT I WANTED NO SUCH CONTRAPTION IN HERE! NOW GET OUT!
OH, YEAH? WELL, MONTHS AGO WE WASN'T AS SMART AS WE ARE NOW!
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM, FELLOWS! WE DON'T KNOW HIM ANYMORE!
NOW DON'T MAKE US BE NASTY, MAC, JUST RELAX AND PLAY SMART!
WE'RE TIRED OF ARGUIN' WITH GUYS LIKE YOU! LET I'M HAVE IT FRANKIE!
THE VERY SAME IDEA I WAS GONNA SUGGEST!

AT THAT MOMENT....
WATCH THAT STATUE OF LIBERTY! SIGNALS: 24-31-54-18 !!

ROCK 'EM BACK, BOYS!
SOCK 'EM IN THERE, GUYS!

WHATTA YOU KNOW? NO INTERFERENCE!

LEMME OUTTA HERE! THESE KIDS'VE GONE NUTS!!
NICE BLOCK, DAVEY!

HA-HA! LOOKA THEM GO!

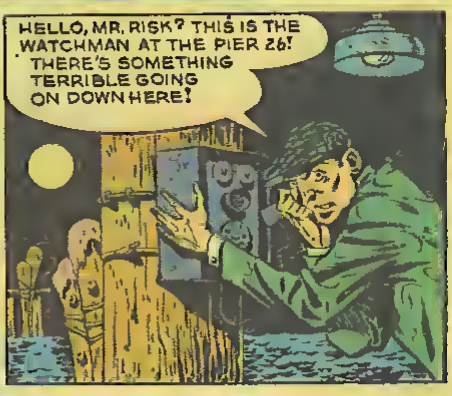
THAT'LL BE ALL, BOYS! I'M PENALIZING 'EM MYSELF... FOR UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS!
MAGNO!

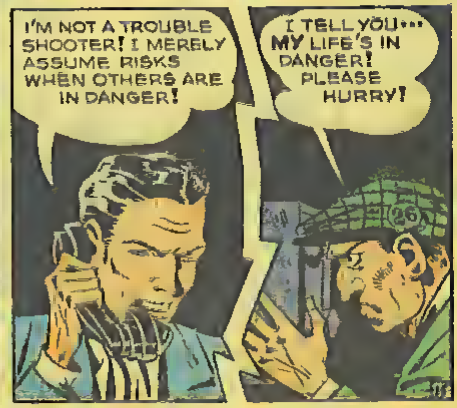
PARDON ME A WHILE! I WANT TO ESCORT THESE GENTLEMEN TO POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS! NICE TEAMWORK... ALL THE WAY AROUND, GANG!

MR. RISK

DOC

SOMETHING ABOUT THE SEA THAT NIGHT SPELLED DEATH! MR. RISK ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PREVENT A MURDER, BUT NOT TOO LATE TO FOIL AN INGENIOUS PLOT!!!





A SHORT WHILE LATER..
IT SURE IS LONELY ALONG THIS STRETCH OF DOCKS!

THIS IS IT! WELL, THE POLICE SEEM TO BE IN ON THE PARTY ALREADY!
PIER 26

HELLO, MR. RISK! KINDA LATE FOR YOUR BEDTIME AIN'T IT?
I GOT A PHONE CALL TO COME DOWN HERE!

WELL, COME IN AND TAKE A LOOK. PRETTY BLOODY!

SOMEBODY PHONED US A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND WE FOUND HIM DEAD! MUST BE THE WATCHMAN! HE LEFT A NOTE!

I was wrong I have been a fool

I USUALLY RELIEVE THOMPSON AT MIDNIGHT, SIR! I WAS A FEW MINUTES LATE TONIGHT, AND FOUND HIM DEAD!

THEN IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE DEAD MAN WHO PHONED ME!
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, RISK, IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUICIDE!

I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE DOCK, ALL RIGHT!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!

WHY WOULD THOMPSON HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE? HE HAD EVERYTHING TO LIVE FOR!
HE DIDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE! HE WAS MURDERED!

MURDERED!
DEAD MEN DON'T WRITE SUICIDE NOTES OUT OF THIN AIR!

AND THERE WAS NO PENCIL ANYWHERE IN THAT SHACK! THOMPSON WAS MURDERED!

BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO MURDER HIM?
THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO FIND OUT!

SAY! I WONDER WHAT THAT LITTLE RED LIGHT IS DOING FLOATING OUT THERE!

RISK'S FISHING NETS A STRANGE FISH!
THAT'S FUNNY!

AN AIRTIGHT CYLINDER! WHY, IT COULD FLOAT FOR HOURS THAT WAY!

BUT WHY THE RED LIGHT? AND WHAT CONNECTION CAN IT POSSIBLY HAVE WITH MURDER?

JUST THEN

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER··
WOW! I MUST HAVE BEEN OUT COLD! HEY! YOU, TOO!
OOH!! MY HEAD!

THIS WASN'T HERE BEFORE! THIS DIAMOND IS FABULOUS!
HUH?

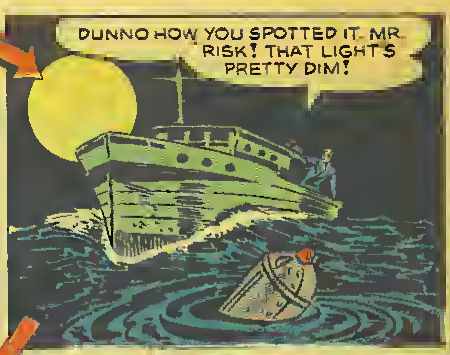
THE NEXT DAY
HMM... IT'S THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION! I'M GOING TO PHONE THE HARBOR POLICE!
GLOBE NEWS
SHIP NEWS AND ARRIVALS

THAT NIGHT!
THERE'S THE LINER, ATLANTIS, COMING IN FROM EUROPE!

UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, SHE'S OUR SHIP! LET'S FOLLOW HER IN!

LATER, AS THE ATLANTIS NEARS SHORE...

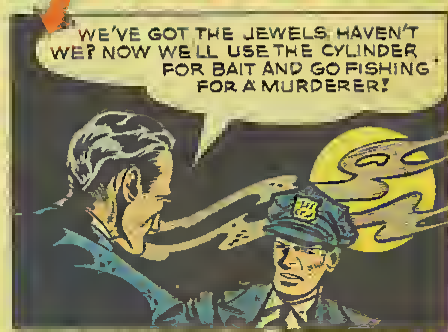
IN THE NEARBY PATROL BOAT....
SURE IS DARK! BLACK AS THE ACE OF SPADES!
I CAN'T SEE A THING... WAIT!! OVER THERE!


DUNNO HOW YOU SPOTTED IT, MR. RISK! THAT LIGHT'S PRETTY DIM!

JEWELS! THERE'S A KING'S RANSOM HERE! SO I WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL!

RISK HAULS THE CYLINDER ABOARD
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DIM! ONLY THOSE WHO ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR IT CAN SEE IT, THAT WAY!

RISK RE-SEALS THE CYLINDER AND..
HEY! WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?


WE'VE GOT THE JEWELS, HAVEN'T WE? NOW WE'LL USE THE CYLINDER FOR BAIT AND GO FISHING FOR A MURDERER!

LATER, BACK AT PIER 26
THERE'S OUR CYLINDER AND SOMEBODY GOING AFTER IT!
HE'S OUR MAN! COME ON!
HE SEES US!
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
SPLAT
WHY, HE'S THE WATCHMAN AT THIS DOCK!
YES, AND ALSO A SMUGGLER BY PROFESSION AND A MURDERER BY NECESSITY!
IT WAS A CLEVER SCHEME FOR SMUGGLING VALUABLE JEWELS INTO THIS COUNTRY FROM ABROAD! THOMPSON MUST HAVE SURPRISED THEM AT IT LAST NIGHT! THAT'S WHY HE WAS KILLED! I SUSPECTED THIS MAN FOR HIS FACE WASN'T WHITE ENOUGH FOR HIM TO BE KNOCKED OUT!
THERE'S A PECULIARITY ABOUT THE TIDES HERE! RELEASED IN THE RIGHT SPOT, THE CYLINDERS WOULD ALWAYS FLOAT RIGHT TO PIER 26!
BUT THANKS TO YOU, MR. RISK! THEY WON'T ANYMORE!